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Interested Parties:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana 16-2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Earl Cameron dba/C.O.D. Salvage west of Kalispell, Montana.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry D. Mitchell".

LARRY D. MITCHELL  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Telephone: (406) 449-2821

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cc: Tom Cowan, County Sanitarian

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Project or Application Earl Cameron dba/C.O.D. Salvage  
Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking  
facility approximately 3 miles west of Kalispell. (See map)  
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POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		X
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Dept. of Highways, Flathead County Planning Office, Flathead County Solid Waste District

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER.

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by:

*Larry D. Mitchell*  
LARRY D. MITCHELL

Date: June 23, 1983

DHES/ESD-2

GENERAL COMMENTS

The applicant has proposed the establishment and operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility approximately one acre in size on land he owns west of Kalispell along U.S. Highway 2. The applicant currently operates a heavy truck and equipment repair business out of a large metal shop building on the property. In the course of repairing or salvaging damaged trucks and equipment, resalable parts accumulate at the business. In order to lawfully salvage motor vehicles for sale of used parts, Montana law requires that a motor vehicle wrecking facility license be obtained.

Prior to obtaining such a license, the facility must meet two standards established by law: (1) local land use or zoning ordinances must permit (or not prohibit) the use and (2) the facility must be screened (naturally or artificially) from public view such that junk vehicles are not visible from public roadways.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Terrestrial and aquatic life and habitats
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution

Ashley Creek borders property owned by the applicant. It is a year-round stream with a B-2 water quality designation from the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences. The one acre area selected for use as a vehicle storage yard for the facility is approximately 300-400 feet from Ashley Creek at its nearest point. Salvage facilities generate waste oils, coolants and other fluids in the course of routine dismantling activities. Small quantities may incidentally spill onto the ground.

The department does not foresee any significant adverse impacts on water quality from this proposed business activity if certain precautions are taken. Disposal of waste fluids should not occur on site. Reclaiming or recycling of waste fluids is encouraged.

Licensing this proposed facility should not result in any greater potential water quality impacts than those already present from the repair shop business.

5. Aesthetics

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rule requires all junk vehicles and motor vehicle wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view. Public view is that point six feet above the center of any public road. This proposed facility will require screening from U.S. Highway 2 to the north and county roads to the west and south.

The applicant has proposed constructing a fence 10 feet in height around a one acre parcel near the present metal shop building. The shop is currently sufficient to provide partial screening of vehicles stored behind it. If properly constructed in accordance with the height, density and materials standards found in Rule 16.14.202, the facility should be properly screened from public view.

An area west and south of the shop building towards Ashley creek is considerably lower in elevation than the site presently under consideration for use as a wrecking facility. This area is not capable of being screened from view under this proposal and is not under consideration in this application. Additional review and approval will be required prior to any future expansion of this facility.



## POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

### 10. Demands for government services

Routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be conducted periodically. A minor amount of administrative effort will be required to establish office files for correspondence with the business.

This proposal should not increase demand on such government services as law enforcement, fire protection, solid waste disposal and others beyond that presently required by the existing repair business.

### 11. Industrial and commercial activity

The applicant's truck and equipment repair business at this location is an already established commercial or light industrial land use. Shielding a portion of the property from public view for the storage of salvage vehicles will continue this use but additional impacts should not be significant.

The Ashley Creek valley in this area and west of Kalispell for 5 or 6 miles is a mixture of residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial land uses. It appears that residential use is increasing as agricultural activities give way to subdivisions. Additionally, scattered commercial and industrial uses are evident along U.S. Highway 2 in a strip development. This particular proposal will continue that land use trend but should not be directly responsible for encouraging additional support industries.

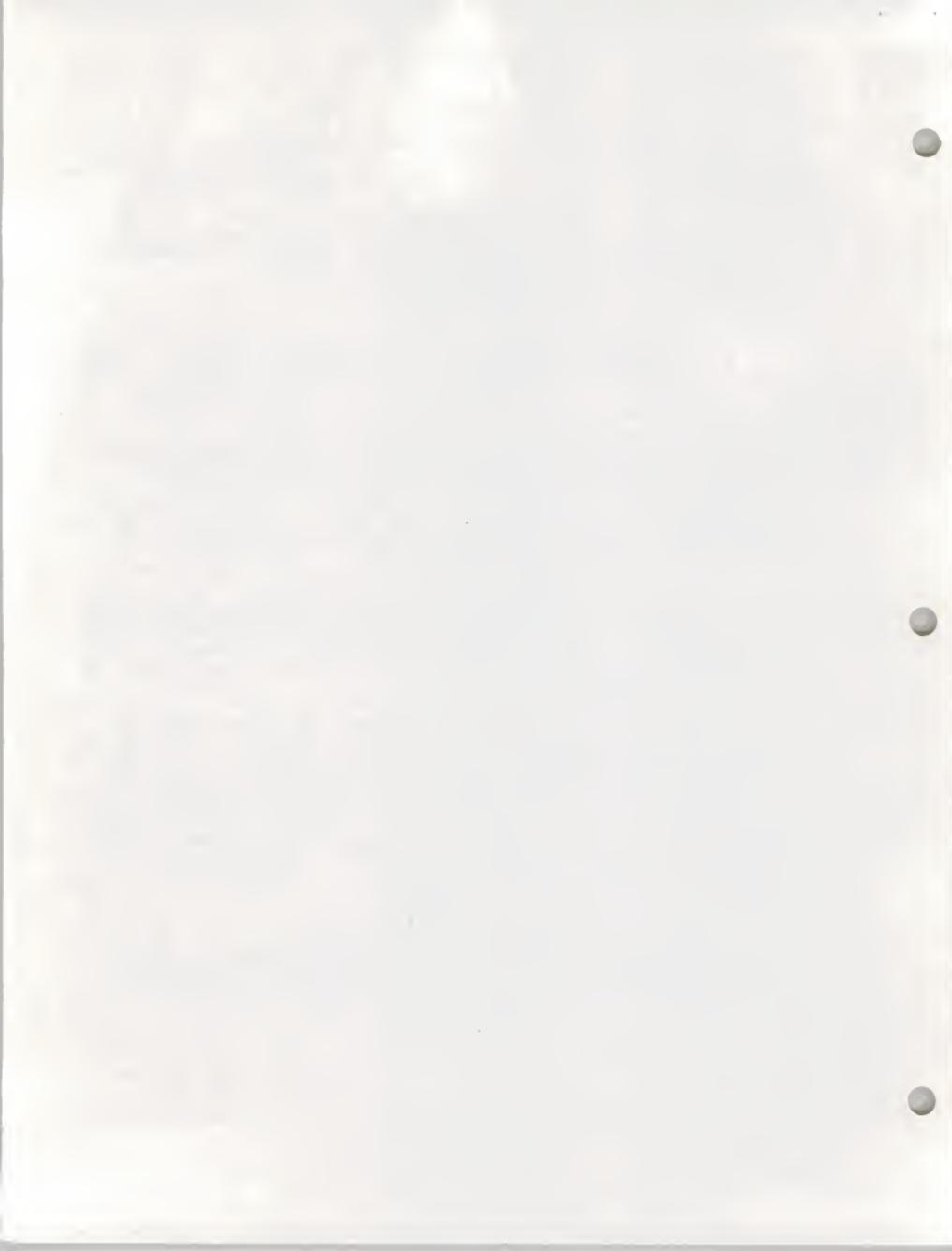
### 13. Locally adopted environmental plan and goals

According to the Flathead county planning office this area is presently unzoned. Flathead county prohibits the establishment of wrecking facilities in locations which are zoned unless a conditional use permit has been granted by the Board of Adjustments. Since this location is not presently zoned no such approval is necessary.

Flathead county has prepared and adopted a comprehensive master plan for future land use planning. This proposal may or may not be in accordance with the land use designation in the plan for this location. If it is not and a city building permit is necessary, the proposal may need additional local review and permitting prior to approval. However, the city of Kalispell's jurisdiction for building permits in this area extends only to the Farm to Market Road along the west boundary of Section 14. This location is approximately one mile west of outside of that boundary. Building permits, if necessary, are then within the jurisdiction of the state Building Codes Division of the Department of Administration

### 14. Transportation networks and traffic flows

Primary access to the site is provided by U.S. Highway 2. Increased traffic as a result of this proposal is not expected to be significant. The existing transportation system will sufficiently service the business.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
Environmental Sciences Division  
Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY  
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau  
Montana Department of Health and  
Environmental Sciences  
Helena, Montana 59601

- 1) Name of applicant: Earl D. Cameron
- 2) Name of facility: C.O.D. Salvage
- 3) Address: 2348 Highway 2- West Kalispell MT 59901
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: approximately 1 acre  
located basically on T-46, and including parts of  
T-46 and T-44, Sec 15, Township 28, Range 22 West
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.  
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).  
TITLE: Flathead County Section 15, Township 28, Range 22 West, Flathead County is  
presently unzoned.  
OF: Zoning Administrator, Flathead County, Montana  
(city or county)

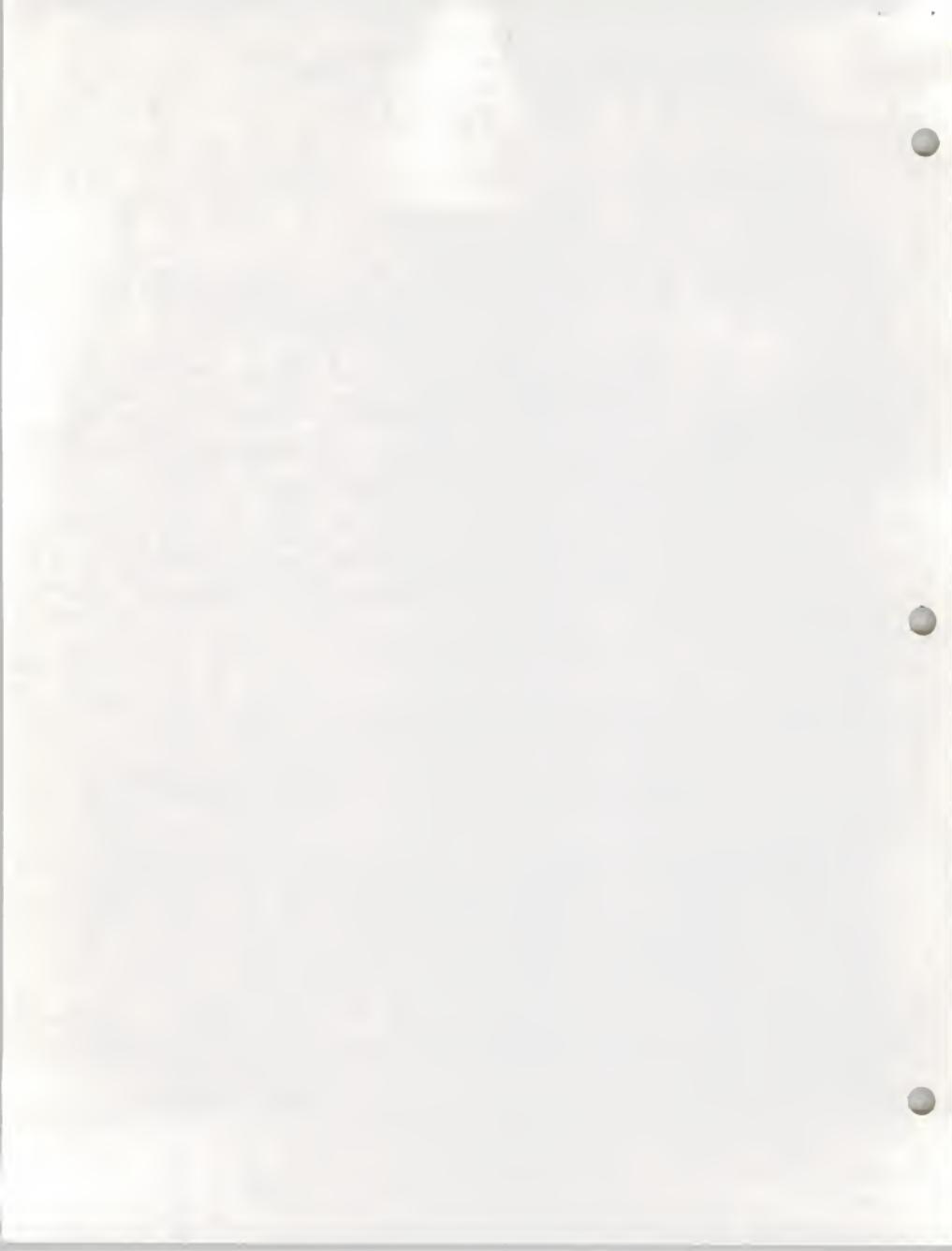
- 8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: 1983

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Earl D Cameron PHONE: 257-3905  
TITLE: Owner DATE: 4-4-83

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